

"To Our Pride In the Past, and Our Hope for the Future, Let Us Add Vigorous Work in the Living Present."

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## BRICK PLANTS WILL CLOSE DOWN 2 DAYS

The A. P. Green Fire Brick plants in this city will run only four days a week until business justifies full operation according to an announcement made Monday. The days the plants will be closed are Friday and Saturday of each week. The management is making this change in an effort to keep from closing the two plants down entirely for the present.

Because of a decrease in the number of the orders received the storage space at both plants is filled with brick. While business conditions are promising an improvement shortly the plants will continue on the four day schedule until orders sufficient to justify full time are received.

The Green plants in this city are two of the very few brick plants that have not shut down completely. The management has kept the plants at full operation through the winter in an effort to keep the men at work and not throw them out of employment as has occurred in so many other brick factories.

The management hope that full time operation can be resumed shortly.

## Roy Watts Missing 12 Days Returns Home

Roy Watts, the son of Mrs. Ida Watts of this city and brother of Everett Watts, who has been missing from his home at 4149 Delmar, St. Louis, for twelve days, returned home last Thursday evening at 8:30. When Roy Watts left home over a week ago to go to a bank, he was met by three men in a car who hailed him and asked "What's your hurry?"

They then held a gun on him and demanded that he get into the car. When Watts came to himself, in a somewhat dazed condition, he found he was over in Illinois, minus his watch, a ring and \$35, and his overcoat. His only remembrance of what happened after he was taken off in the car was the endorsing of three checks which he did at the threat of having carbolic acid thrown in his eyes if he refused.

As soon as he reached home, a doctor was called, for Mr. Watts described to the weather and was in a serious condition of fatigue. Mr. Watts has a wife and one child.

## "SPORT" HOME

Sport, the fine hunting dog of Charles Berger, of this city, who has been missing for the past five months, was found by Mr. Berger in Unionville, Mo., this week, and was brought home by him. It develops that the dog was taken by a young man who was driving a car through here. Mr. Berger values the dog very highly, as he is an exceptionally fine hunter, and he was very fortunate in locating him through very extensive detective work.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following wedding licenses were recorded Monday: Hiram Humphrey Sharrow, Mexico, Mrs. Hattie Marie Shivers; Arnold Newsom, Williamsburg, Mo., Etta Talley, Montgomery City.

### Kunkle on Farmer's Fair Committee.

Ira Kunkle of Mexico, has been placed on the Minstrel's Committee for the 1921 Farmer's Fair to be held at the University of Missouri. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture.

### The following Audrain Republicans

attended the big Republican meeting at Kansas City Saturday: E. R. Taft, Harry Householder and Raymond Taft, of Mexico, and Judge John S. Belden, of Vandalla. They report a most enthusiastic gathering.

### R. A. Boyd has a nine year old

cow that has given birth to nine calves and missed one year. She has had two sets of twins the second set having been born Monday. Mr. Boyd claims the record for this section of Missouri on producing cows.

### E. R. Locke, one of Mexico's old

citizens, reports a frog appearing in the branch on his home place Monday. Mr. Locke says this is the earliest he has ever seen a frog in his many years here.

## TODAY IS DUPLICATE OF FEB. 26, 1896--TEMP. 71

(Tuesday's Evening Ledger.)

While overcoats are given a rest, and coal dealers complain of the heat, and butter and eggs become sensitive to temperature, and mother sends Johnny to the store for moth balls, we all greet each other with remarks about the "unusually" warm weather, and wonder as we hope for continued spring, if a recurrence of the Easter Sunday prank of last year will nip the peach buds that come out to take the air. And while the bees are buzzing and droning in midsummer symphonies around the hive, the office force of the "Mid-West Press" is buzzing over temperature statistics to see if the weather is really unusual after all.

The mean or normal temperature of February is 29 degrees. The warmest February was that of 1892 with an average of 37 degrees, and the coldest, that of 1899, with an average of 20 degrees. The highest temperature recorded during any February for Mexico, is 71 degrees, on Feb. 26, 1896. The average number of days with minimum temperature below 32 degrees is 23. These figures are preserved from the U. S. Weather reports made by the late J. F. Llewellyn, Voluntary Observer of Mexico.

Today's weather report, made by Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn, announces that the weather man has duplicated Feb. 26, 1896, with a maximum temperature of 71 and a minimum of 37. This may be the hottest February day you ever "saw" but unless you are one of the children, it is not the hottest you ever "felt."

## JUDGES NAMED

The Democratic Central Committee met Thursday evening and appointed judges and clerks for the Democratic Primary, Feb. 21. Appearances were as follows:

1st ward—Judges, J. T. Crews, D. W. Butler. Clerks, D. H. Cauthorn, Fred Clark.

2nd ward—Judges, J. W. Wainwright, John Coward. Clerks, J. D. Greer, W. M. Nichols.

3rd ward—Judges, W. A. Wayne, X. P. Ball. Clerks, T. H. Marshall, Ed Lee.

4th ward—Judges J. E. Blattner, John P. Kemp. Clerks, Clay McClure, Earl Brown.

The closing day of filing will be Feb. 17, at twelve o'clock, noon.

## German Spy Weds a U. S. Girl Abroad

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 11.—Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, former German naval attaché at Washington, and Miss Virginia Mackey-Smith, of this city, were married in Berlin according to word received by the bride's mother here.

Miss Mackey-Smith and Capt. Boy-Ed have been reported engaged a number of times during the last few years, but each time it was denied. The first report was circulated shortly before Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. Von Papen were recalled from Washington in 1915, at the request of President Wilson. The two officers were charged with having been connected with munition plots and the sending of supplies to German raiders from American ports, as well as plots with Mexico.

### Amanda Hospital.

Mrs. Will Tenn, of Wellsville, was operated on Monday morning.

Mrs. Nellie Mitchell, of Thompson, was operated on Monday morning.

### Charles Belden, of Wellsville, Mrs.

Orval Brown, of Laddonia and Clayton Weaver, of Mexico, were discharged from the hospital Sunday.

### Miss Ruth Franey Dies in El Paso.

Word was received here today of the death of Miss Ruth Franey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franey of Mexico, Miss Franey, who was a young girl of twenty-four years of age, died Saturday night in El Paso, Texas, where she had been seeking relief from tuberculosis. The body will be brought to Mexico for burial.

The Ledger joins with the community in expressing sympathy for the relatives and friends of Miss Franey.

### Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Walker of Mar-

tinsburg and Mrs. Fannie DeVault of New Florence were guests of Mrs. J. B. DeVault the first of this week.

## ROUND-UP DAY PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

A large number of visitors are expected in Mexico for county club round-up day, March 18, and the following program has been planned.

9:30—Assembly, club songs.  
10:00—Button hole contest (Girls)  
10:00—Culling demonstration (Boys.)

11:00—Soil judging contest (Boys and Girls.)  
11:30—Corn judging contest (Boys and Girls.)

1:00—Assembly, Club Songs.  
1:30—Sewing Demonstration.  
1:50—Soil Demonstration.  
2:30—Bread judging Demonstration.

2:30—Model Club meeting.  
3:00—Hot Lunch Demonstration.  
3:20—Announcement of awards.

Songs by different clubs between demonstrations.

The following club exhibits will be made:

Class I. First year sewing—club exhibit consisting of 2 each of the following: bags, caps, aprons, gowns and bloomers.

Class II. Second year—club exhibit consisting of 2 each of the following: something for the home (Towels, napkins, tray clothes, pillow case, curtains) princess slip or petticoat, combination suit, wash dress.

Class III. Soil—club exhibit of at least three samples of soils studied, map of district showing farms where soils were obtained.

Class IV. Corn—club exhibit of 10 ears selected by club, card stating variety and score according to score card.

Class V. Wheat—club exhibit of 3 loaves of bread, 1 dozen rolls, a dozen drop cookies and 1 dozen rolled cookies.

None but regularly organized clubs may enter exhibits. Prizes for each class will be as follows:  
\$3.00—1st prize.  
\$2.00—2nd prize.  
\$1.00—3rd prize.

In addition ribbons will be awarded.

Contests will be held:

I. Soils—judging samples of soils.  
II. Corn—judging samples of corn.  
III. Sewing—making button holes, sewing on buttons.

IV. Club story—The best written story of club work for this year which may include date of organization, number of members, names of leader and officers, work done by club, demonstrations given, public meetings held with map, pictures or drawings to illustrate.

1—2 or 3.  
Prizes for each contest will be as follows:

3.00—1st prize.  
2.00—2nd prize.  
1.00—3rd prize.

In addition, ribbons will be awarded.

All stories must be in office by March 12.

### Prairie Lee School Gives Program.

The Prairie Lee School with Miss Gladys Kettler as teacher, gave an up-to-date program Monday celebrating Lincoln's, Washington's and Saint Valentine's anniversaries. The program was conducted by the children, the club societies having the management. About thirty guests attended and expressed appreciation of the program.

### Miss Scott Closes Successful School.

Miss Fannie Scott closes her school two miles east of Benton City, Feb. 25. Miss Scott has taught a successful school and leaves a pleased patronage.

### Mrs. Stella Simmons and Mrs.

Frank Merry of Fulton spent Monday in Mexico visiting Mrs. B. E. Roberts.

### Miss Isabell Craddock is visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller in Ponca City, Okla. Mrs. Craddock accompanied her daughter as far as Kansas City in her trip.

### Miss Ida Rhea Pearson, of this

city, who is attending Missouri University, took part in a specialty act in the vaudeville show given in Columbia by the Women's Athletic Association this week.

### Geo. Kunkel, Jr., of Columbia,

formerly of the Ledger, visited in this city Thursday night and Friday.

## The Spring Weather

The spring weather we have enjoyed the past few days has started gardening and suggested that some of the "early birds" will be sowing oats if it continues very long.

We trust that the market will improve steadily from now on. The farmer needs encouragement for the coming crop season. The big crops last year would have been a great thing for them if prices had been such that they could have enjoyed a profit for their efforts.

There is only one good thing about a price depression, if you want to try and be optimistic about it, and that is that better times are coming. However that doesn't pay for the losses of the present.

Prices for farm products certainly will be better soon, and such an advance will mean much to the farmer and the country in general.

*L. Mitchell White*

## COL. BELIEVES IN CLOSEST CO-OPERATION

The following letter from Col. R. M. White, former editor of the Ledger, who is spending a month in Florida, re-iterates his often urged plan of co-operation between town and country which he hopes is becoming a fact in Audrain today.

SARASOTA, Florida, Feb. 10, 1921.

I am delighted to see that your new secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is strong for co-operation between the farmers and town people. That's the way to get good roads and many other improvements that are of benefit to the people of the entire country. There is no sense in the town and country people opposing each other. What's good for any part of Audrain is good for Mexico, and vice versa. Let's get together and "let's go" in the direction of good hard roads. As we have said a million times more or less, talk won't build roads. Let's try to get out of the mud. Let's try most any plan. We will never get a plan to suit every one. In the meantime everybody else is at work building permanent good roads.

I am sorry to see the Red Cross and other nurses leaving Mexico. They were a most valuable asset to the city. Are we losing step in the movement forward along civic uplift lines?

This is the height of the season here, and all are enjoying themselves. The last street dance and masquerade was so highly spoken of that preparations are under way to hold another one, which, from all indications, will be one of the nights of the season to be remembered. Antinelli's Italian band will furnish the music, which assures one feature of the evening. Nobody will be overlooked in a chance for a prize, as they will be awarded by competent judges for the handsomest costume lady, the handsomest costume gentleman, the most unique costume lady, the most unique costume gentleman, the most comical costume lady or gentleman, also a handsome prize for the most graceful couple dancing. This dance is given for the benefit of the Sarasota Baseball club, and that night the two lots which are being raffled, which are located within five minutes' walk of the post office, will be drawn and the lucky winners announced. The grand march will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock, and all participating must be in costume and masked. After the grand march all will unmask and the prizes will be awarded when dancing for all will begin and continue until a late hour. The proceeds of the entire evening will go toward defraying the expenses of the baseball club, and is only one of many things being done here this winter to show how determined Sarasota is to have the best of everything for her winter guests.

Willie I have had a fine rest and think southern Florida the best winter climate in the world. I am beginning to get homesick and think I will be home by February 20th. No matter when you go, summer or winter, you will find no better place to live the year around than good old Mexico, Mo.,—good churches, good schools, good public improvements, good progressive business men, good stores, good industries, good people,—what more do you want? Why good roads, of course. With good roads leading out into the country Mexico would be the ideal little city.

R. M. WHITE.

Will Leave Shortly.  
W. S. Gallimore, who has been manager of the Bell Telephone Exchange here, has resigned to take charge of the Fayette County Telephone Exchange at Lexington, Mo. This telephone Co. is owned by S. M. Locke and Mrs. E. D. Graham, of this city. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore will regret to see them leave this city. Mr. Gallimore will take up his new duties March first and Mrs. Gallimore will join him when school is out. The Ledger joins their many friends in wishing them much success and happiness in their new home.

### Charles Luckie has gone to Texas

on business.

### Miss Elisabeth Pearson left Mon-

day to visit her friend, Miss Mary Elisabeth Jameson, in Fulton.

## Road Over-Seers Are Named By County Court

The following men were appointed by the County Court to serve as road overseers.

District 11—Charles Teague, Laddonia, Mo.

District 13—Riley Wilkerson, Laddonia, Mo.

District 14—J. C. Hagan, Laddonia, Mo.

District 16—George Gardner, Mexico, Mo.

Molino Special—Clyde Ellis, John Mundy and Harry Householder.

District 19—Mike Peck, Molino, Mo.

District 20—H. J. Weins, Mexico, Mo.

District 21—R. L. Patrick.

District 22—Charles Householder.

District 23—Everett Spurling.

District 25—P. R. Brown, Centralia, Mo.

District 26—E. F. Fagg, Centuria, Mo.

Saling Special—Garrett Littrell, S. E. Crang, J. W. Ketchum.

District 34—T. M. Squires, Centuria, Mo.

District 35—J. W. Stowers.

District 43—C. L. Thomas, Benton City, Mo.

District 44—H. R. Scranton, Benton City, Mo.

District 45—Clarence Smallwood, Rush Hill, Mo.

District 47—John Scott, R. F. D. Laddonia, Mo.

District 50—S. C. Hagerman, Laddonia, Mo.

District 52—G. T. Brooks, Wellsville, Mo.

District 54—W. G. Maskey, Wellsville, Mo.

District 55—Lank Heim, Middletown, Mo.

District 57—Ben Linneman, Martinsburg, Mo.

District 58—R. P. Crane.

District 59—Martin Hildebrand, Benton City, Mo.

District 60—G. B. Horton, Benton City, Mo.

District 61—J. W. Caldwell, Benton City, Mo.

District 64—W. B. Freeman, Mexico, Mo.

District 66—Carl Crum, Mexico, Mo.

District 68—J. W. Wayne, Mexico, Mo.

District 69—N. C. Davis, Mexico, Mo.

District 70—Reed Burk, Mexico, Mo.

District 72—J. D. Newman, Thompson, Mo.

Commissioner—Mexico Special District—W. W. Johnson.

Vandalla Special—W. H. White.

Laddonia-Farber Special—J. F. Parker.

N. C. Davis and Reed Burk are circulating petitions to form a benefit assessment for the special road district consisting of districts 68 and 69.

## MAKE MONEY ON WHAT YOU SPEND

A Paris Hat  
Women of France  
They Tell the Truth  
How Experts Shop  
Adv. Spells Style

An editorial  
on advertising  
From the New York American

French women have long been famous for making money go far.

From childhood they are trained in all the departments of that universal and most exacting business of women, the spending of money—the making of ends meet.

In the vast majority of instances this demands just as much adeptness, just as much judgment and care, as the masculine business of making money.

So let us give due credit to the woman of France. Her garments are fresh, dainty and of the latest fashion. Her hats are models of bewitching becomingness and good style.

And yet she spends in a season far less than her European sisters of the same financial and social standing. Also she prides herself on the achievement.

What are her methods?  
Surprisingly simple.

She uses her eyes and her brain. She knows values when she sees them, and never neglects a buying opportunity. But by no means is she without rival in this today.

Merchants whose judgment means something say that the modern American woman is without peer as a discriminating purchaser—that her alertness to price advantage, her keenness in questions of style and quality are unmatched by any other nation.

They attribute this development of recent years to the education they themselves have provided—the education of advertising—and they offer ample evidence that such is the fact.

A review of this evidence would be lengthy and tiresome, and we can more easily find the truth for ourselves. Make it your own case.

You know that reputable merchants, in these days, deal with truth in their advertising—that when values are stated they are legitimate values—that when certain savings are offered, those savings actually exist.

You no longer have to depend entirely on your own judgment. If the article you seek is advertised, the reputation of the advertiser is your guarantee of its worth.

So it may be well said that we of America are expert shoppers—that we get the most of our money—because we follow advertising. This is palpably the truth.

But that doesn't mean that we are constant seekers of price concessions. The benefits of advertising are as great in several other directions. It gives, for example, authentic style information and promotes high standards of quality.

So it is apparent that the woman best equipped to do the most efficient shopping for herself and her home is she who keeps closest watch on the printed offerings of merchants and manufacturers.

Advertising spells style, economy, abundance and opportunity. It gathers the goods of the world into a handful of printed pages.

If you are one of the few who have not learned of the mutual value and benefit of advertising it would pay you at this particular time to read the advertising columns carefully and continuously.

## COUNTY SEAT ROADS ALLOTTED \$15 PER MILE

The County-Seat Highway Commission of Audrain county has received its allotment with which to pay at the rate of \$15 per mile for road dragging on the county-seat highways for 1921, according to the statement made by S. P. Emmons, chairman of the commission. "The road-dragging fund is available and prompt payment will be made quarterly to those persons who drag certain portions of the county-seat highways regularly," Mr. Emmons said Monday. He also urged that those persons who have claims for road-dragging done last year file their statements so that the amounts due them may be paid at once.

An erroneous impression prevails to the effect that the county-seat highway road-dragging fund had been done away with and that no funds were available to pay for road-dragging. Mr. Emmons' statement that the funds for 1921 are even now available conclusively proves the falsity of the rumor.

There are 134 miles of County-Seat Highway. Seventy cents a mile will be paid for dragging these roads.

The Eight-mile Road District has the contract for dragging the seven county-seat roads.

## Treasurer of Ralls Co. Sues Rail For \$720

Estelle Buchanan, county treasurer of Ralls County, who was elected to that office in 1908 and again in 1912, has had her suit against Ralls County reversed and remanded for new trial and transferred by change of venue to the Audrain County circuit court. Miss Buchanan during her term of office has been obliged to provide for herself a room, light and janitor service for her official work. The county failing to accede to her charges amounting to \$720, which she had paid out of her own pocket, Miss Buchanan sued the county for the amount.

The case was appealed and upon being brought back for new trial, it developed that one of the plaintiff's lawyers had become a circuit judge, Judge Tom Hayes. Upon the motion of Judge Tom Hayes of Ralls County, the case was transferred to Audrain County.

## Clyde Gillaspie's Parents Sue For \$10,000

The parents of Clyde Gillaspie who was killed on the Chicago and Alton crossing at Farber, Mo., on November 18, of last year, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie E. Gillaspie, have brought suit against the Louisiana & Missouri River Railroad and the Chicago and Alton Railroad Companies and the engineer, William I. Eikost for \$10,000 judgment.

Clyde Gillaspie, a boy of fifteen years, was in an automobile, the plaintiffs allege, and upon the failure of the trainman to ring the bell eighty rods from the track and to keep it ringing until the crossing was safely passed, the car was struck by the passing train with such force as to demolish the car, killing the boy instantly.

According to the news received at the time of the accident, the story ran that the boy, his father and another man, were returning from a coon hunt, and were crossing the tracks when they saw the train coming. Not being able to get the car off the track, all three of them jumped. There were two dogs strapped in the back seat, one of which belonged to the boy. In trying to save his dog, he was struck and killed.

### A Surprise Birthday Party.

Miss Alice Hudson and Miss Vanie Throckmorton arranged a very agreeable surprise party on Mrs. John Burgess of the City Hotel Saturday night Feb. 12th and after presenting her with tokens of friendship, the cook, Aunt Ann, served very tasteful refreshments and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The present were: Mrs. J. E. Lowery and son, Edward, Mr. Albert Rodgers, wife and daughter, Edna, Clay, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hillard, Miss Alice Hudson and Miss Vanie Throckmorton.